

REMARKS

Claims 14-17 are currently pending. By this response to the non-final Office Action dated April 1, 2008, claim 14 is amended, and claims 1-13 and 18 are canceled. Applicant appreciates the indication of claims 14-17 as reciting allowable subject matter. No new matter has been introduced. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the following comments is respectfully solicited

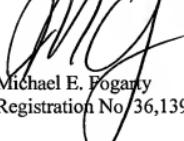
On page 6 of the Office Action, claims 14-17 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has adopted Examiner's suggestion, and rewritten claim 14 into independent form. Claims 15-17 depend upon claim 14. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections against claims 14-17.

As only allowable claims 14-17 are pending, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests the Examiner's favorable reconsideration as to allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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